



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS: Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior directed at a person or group of people that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. This behavior may be physical, verbal, sexual, emotional and repeated, or have the potential to be repeated over time; and
- WHEREAS: Bullying can occur in a wide range of settings, including schools, playgrounds, and neighborhoods as well as through the use of modern technology, including social media, the internet, and mobile devices; and
- WHEREAS: Bullying is a common form of violence among children and adolescents today. Nearly 30 percent of youth in the United States, more than 5.7 million children, are estimated to be involved in bullying as either a bully, the target of bullying, or both; and
- WHEREAS: Chronic victims of bullying are more likely to experience physical and emotional distress, as well as learning difficulties, and are often afraid to attend school, ride a school bus, or participate in community activities; and
- WHEREAS: Children who bully are at a greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors, and children who witness bullying may feel insecure and intimidated in school settings; and
- WHEREAS: During Bullying Prevention Month, students, parents, schools, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations across Georgia are encouraged to engage in awareness and prevention activities designed to eliminate bullying and create safer environments for all children and adolescents; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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